

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : 21-CR-613(SJ)  
Plaintiff , :  
-against- : United States Courthouse  
ANGEL ALMEIDA, : Brooklyn, New York  
Defendant. : March 9, 2022  
: 12:00 p.m.

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TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA TELEPHONE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE STERLING JOHNSON  
UNITED STATES SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: U.S.A. versus Angel Almeida.  
2 Counsel, note your appearances, beginning with the  
3 government.

4 MR. BALFOUR: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
5 Good afternoon, everyone.  
6 Chand Edwards Balfour on behalf of the government.

7 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

8 MR. GELERNT: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
9 Federal Defenders by Michelle Gelernt,  
10 G-e-l-e-r-n-t, for Mr. Almeida, who is appearing via telephone  
11 from the MDC.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Let me hear from the government.  
13 What is this case about and what are we going to do?

14 MR. BALFOUR: Yes, Your Honor.

15 This case is a felon in possession of a firearm  
16 case. At this point the government and defense have been  
17 having discussions. I know defense probably has something  
18 that they want to add at the end of it, you know, to raise to  
19 you as well, but I think at this point it makes sense for us  
20 to set a date for April 27th for another status and see if  
21 defense and the government can see if we can resolve this  
22 matter short of trial.

23 THE COURT: Ms. Gelernt?

24 MR. GELERNT: Yes, Judge, we concur. While this is  
25 a felon in possession case, the government has raised a

1 concern that there may be, potentially, additional charges  
2 based on evidence that was recovered from social media and  
3 allegedly from the defendant's electronic devices that were  
4 seized at the time of his arrest. Given that and the  
5 government's recent production of additional discovery  
6 yesterday, we're seeking this time so that we can continue to  
7 engage in plea negotiations without the need to prepare for  
8 trial. So we're asking that the matter be set down before  
9 Your Honor on April 27th, and I believe the time that  
10 Ms. Rodriguez proposed was noon.

11 THE COURT: Okay. April 27th. Time is excluded.

12 MR. GELERNT: Your Honor?

13 THE COURT: Go ahead.

14 MR. GELERNT: The only additional matter is that we  
15 are preparing to make another bail application. It's my  
16 understanding that the Court would prefer that we brought that  
17 before the magistrate, but I just wanted to check with  
18 Your Honor about that.

19 THE COURT: Yes, go before the magistrate.

20 MR. GELERNT: Okay. Thank you, Judge.

21 THE COURT: All right. Time is excluded.

22 If it has not been resolved then, I am going to send  
23 it out for trial.

24 MR. BALFOUR: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 MR. GELERNT: Understood.

1 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

2 Is that it, Ana?

3 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Yes, it is, Judge. That's it  
4 for today's calendar.

5 THE COURT: Okay, everybody, be well.

6 MR. BALFOUR: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 MR. GELERNT: You too, Judge. Thank you.

8 (Matter concluded.)

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12 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the  
13 record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

14 /s/ Andronikh M. Barna

June 20, 2023

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